


# THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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**Saturday, the 7th February 1959.**

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

## I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

## STARRED QUESTIONS.

*All-India tours organised for the Kisans*

* 6 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of All-India tours organized for the kisans of this State up to August 1958 and the total number of kisans included in such tours;

(*b*) the object with which such tours were organized;

(*c*) whether the expenditure incurred in this connection was met by the Government; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to organise similar tours in the future also?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) Two All-India Kisan tours were organized one in 1956 and another in 1958.

Three hundred and seventy-five kisans took part in the first tour and 324 in the second.

(*b*) The tours were organized to enable the kisans of this State to see for themselves the progress made in the other States in the implementation of the Developmental Schemes under the Five-Year Plans and thereby widen their outlook and knowledge.

(*c*) No. The expenditure was met by the kisans who participated in the tour.

(*d*) Yes. It is proposed to organize a tour some time in March 1959.

*Polytechnic schools*

* 7 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJALU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates trained during the years 1956–57 and 1957–58 in the polytechnic schools functioning in the State; and

(*b*) whether all the candidates have been absorbed in Government departments?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*)—

1956–57—810 students passed out.

1957–58—762.

(*b*) No; only 380 actually joined Government departments.

*Siddha Research Centre, Jamnagar*

* 8 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report has been received from the Central Government about the working of the Siddha Research Centre at Jamnagar; and

(*b*) if so, whether a copy thereof will be placed on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister tell us how long this research has been going on and on what lines it is being conducted at this Centre?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Research is going on for a few years now. The Minister also is anxious to know exactly on what lines research is going on. So, he proposes to find out whether the Siddha Research Centre could not be planted on a more congenial soil than Jamnagar.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : In view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, would he call for a report from the Central Government regarding the work that has been done so far?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am contemplating a more effective way of finding it out.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Does the Hon. Minister propose to pay a visit and see for himself the work being carried on there and, if not, will he kindly consider such a proposal?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, that is the idea. I shall pay a visit. For the last three months I have been trying to go there but I could not.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. Minister take the advice of my esteemed Friend, Sri Gajapathy Nayagar, and also take him along with him to Jamnagar because he seems to be a specialist in Siddha Vaidya?

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : ஜாம்நகர் நகரில் உள்ள சித்த வைத்திய ஆராய்ச்சி நிலையத்தைப்போல சென்னையிலே வைத்து சென்னையில் சித்த வைத்திய முறையில் ஆராய்ச்சியை முழுவதும் நடத்துவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் எதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?